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My dear Mr. Chapman

Many thanks for your letter  
of - date. I should have answered it before  
had I been in better health, & had not the subject  
about which you wrote been "perfectly"  
(as Mr. Quincy says) disposed of, by the starting  
of L<sup>d</sup> Shaftesbury's Memorial, before the  
arrival of your letter. Miss (as it had previously  
announced to us the other intended address,  
but the time had not arrived for our being  
consulted about it, & I never knew ex-  
actly what was the intended course. I am  
quite sure that in the present temper, & present  
ignorance of the English A.S. public, any  
address containing Garrison's name, or  
special notice of the "Am. A.S. Socy" would  
not only have obtained few signatures, but  
would have opened the floodgates for a torrent  
of mischievous invective which we have  
been long endeavouring, with some success  
to keep in check, & with the hope of eventually  
turning its course. I never clearly under-  
stood what was meant by collecting "Phillips"  
of Phillips's from signers of the Memorial.  
A quarter of the amount of money would



news have been obtained throughout the three  
Kingdoms from A. S. Noble. The Duchess of  
Sutherland's Address amuses me: it is useful  
for exciting discussion; <sup>it is too</sup> very satisfactory  
to see people of the Established Church con-  
descending to think & speak, if not very  
sensibly, on Am. Slavery. Another Pro-  
motional & subscription time for Mrs. Weston's  
book: I cannot oppose none of these  
harmless amusements. "Mrs. Richardson  
Slave trade" (as Mr. Webb calls it) you felt it  
a duty to oppose. We hear she has raised £900  
for the living family. I doubt if she will be  
able to do so again. The letter quoted in N<sup>o</sup> 3  
of the A. S. Adv. signed A. T. is Prof. Weston's  
that from the M. Advertiser, mine. Mr. Webb  
& I concurred the rest of the Mass. Seaboard  
article. — We like you liked N<sup>o</sup> 3. for  
we are very proud of it.

Was N<sup>o</sup> 2 received you? It was sent by  
Miss Jane Smith, with an introduction to  
you; also a long letter from Mrs. Mitchell  
& other documents.

I do not know anything respecting  
the persons you mention "Genl. Walbridge &  
J. G. Bennett."

The report of the success of the A. S. Advocates



is favorable; articles from it are being quoted  
in English papers, & we think people are  
finding out that it is not from the hands of  
simplicians or dishonest people. We must  
make people Garrisonians without letting  
them know they are such until they have  
been thoroughly inoculated. A little blunder  
was made in No<sup>2</sup> "defining our position": it  
was soon found that the "Explanation" with  
which No<sup>3</sup> commences was required by truth  
& policy. Our friend Mr. Chapman wrote  
"How to please every body" <sup>in No<sup>3</sup></sup> "The World the con-  
cise but excellent notice of Webster's death  
"D. J. Parker" & several of the <sup>others</sup> ~~sections~~  
issues. I took the "Churches' Revival" & the  
Mr. Adm's article. <sup>(There are others of great value)</sup> I hope in the next we  
shall say a word for Garrison, tho' not  
professing any especial following of his  
leadership. The Quakers were ~~more~~  
less never more bitter against W. L. G.  
than they are now, Mrs. R. as far as we have  
the means of judging, always fanning  
the flame of opposition to him. With  
hundreds of their continual efforts they  
have been unable to prevent, I believe an  
enormous amount paid from this country to



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